(b) if so, which- authority would decide the list of inputs, raw mate. . rials and solvents going into the production of bulk drugs . for-Duty Rationalisation; and

(c) what would . be the criteria and by. when the list would be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A number of drug intermediates have already been allowed concessional rate of customs duty to ensure that cumulative incidence of duty on the bulk drugs is higher than that on the inputs and . drug) intermediates. Further action to identify' intermediates which are exclusively used in the production on,. bulk drugs and rationalisation of duty thereon is. on in consultation with the Department. of. .Revenue.

Prices of tyres and tubes

335. SHRI J. . GOYAL: Will the Minister 'of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(4)3 whether.it is a fact that tb,e automotive tyre manufacturers have been increasing the prices of the tyres and tubes;

(b) if so, the reasosn for which Government have not taken any ."tefcs-frl this'regard;

(c) whether it has" also come tothe notice of Government that theautomotive tyre manufacturers areindulging in various" malpractices inmarketing tyres and tubes by con'fusing the public on the informativemarkings;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what action Government have taken oar propose to take against such automotive tyre manufacturers and for checking the rise in prices of tyres and tubes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY. (SHRl M/ 'ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (e) The tyre manufacturers have^ apt increased the net dealers price since ' May 1986. However, there are alle-gatidns that the tyre manufacturer have formedca cartel and are indul! ing in malpractices which are bein tooked-fcrto -te.the Monopolistic Restrictive Trade 'Practices Commis sion.

As regards the informative markings, tyre manufacturers were already indicating cedtain details like the name of the manufacturer, the size, the direction of rotation, etc. on the tyres A 'dialogue was also held by the Government with the tyre industry on indication of certain addltta. nal details like the month year manufacture, maximum selling prices, load marking, minimum mileage guarantee etc. As certain importari' issued with regard to minimum mileage guarantee and load marking were-raised a decision on these V belling, has been deferred. It wa however, decided, that details with regard to month/year of manufacture and the maximum selling price should be indicated on automotive tyres. The manner in which the decisions with regard to these labellings should be implemented is being considered keeping the consumers' interest In view. The Government are-having a dialogue both with the manutfcttl-I rers and the consumers.